

May 14, 2010

TO: Members of the MAG Executive Committee

FROM: Councilwoman Peggy Neely, City of Phoenix, Chair

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO THE MAY 17, 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

An addendum to the May 17, 2010 Executive Committee agenda has been prepared to include an Amendment to the MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. Please contact the MAG office if you have questions about the addendum to the agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD\***

11. Amendment of the MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide Matching Funds to ADOT for a Federal Railroad Administration Grant to Study the Union Pacific Railroad Wellton Branch for Possible Future Amtrak Service to the Phoenix Metropolitan Area

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has indicated that they will be submitting a grant to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program planning funding to study the feasibility of the rehabilitation of the Wellton Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad line. This would be a preliminary step to bringing back Amtrak service to the Phoenix metropolitan area. MAG would assist ADOT by providing \$60,000 of MAG sales tax planning funds as matching funds in the ADOT FRA application.

11. Approval to amend the MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to provide \$60,000 to ADOT as matching funds for a Federal Railroad Administration grant to study the Union Pacific Railroad Wellton Branch for possible future Amtrak service to the Phoenix metropolitan area.